



SMU[®]

FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

YOU'RE WORTH IT

WE WANT YOU HERE

You are on your way to becoming a Mustang!

We are passionate about removing financial barriers in pursuit of your educational goals.

WE REWARD ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Our financial offers combine merit awards and need-based financial assistance. Additionally, SMU offers monthly payment plan options for fall and/or spring terms and a payment plan for summer enrollment.

WE AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDER YOU FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

When you apply to SMU, you are automatically considered for academic scholarships. Deadlines to apply are November 1 for Early Decision I and Early Action or January 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision.

PROVIDING FINANCIAL OPTIONS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

These include SMU-funded aid offers as well as state aid for Texas residents and federal sources of financial assistance. Students who are Texas residents but not U.S. citizens may be eligible for state aid and are encouraged to complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) at www.collegeforalltexas.com. Submit your completed TASFA application to fa.verification@mail.smu.edu.

APPLY NOW TO SMU

- **November 1*** Early Decision I, Early Action and priority scholarship and financial aid consideration
- **January 15*** Early Decision II, Regular Decision and priority scholarship and financial aid consideration
- To mark joining the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), we are waiving the application fee for all first-year and transfer undergraduate students.

**SMU is fully test-optional. If you choose to report your standardized test scores, SMU accepts self-reported scores during the application process. If you submit unofficial scores and enroll at SMU, we will then ask you to send official score reports from testing agencies (ACT code: 4174; SAT code: 6660).*

APPLY TODAY smu.edu/apply

APPLY FOR AID

Submit the following two forms by your chosen application deadline:

- **November 1** for Early Decision I and Early Action.
- **January 15** for Early Decision II and Regular Decision.
- FAFSA will be available early October. It is required to determine your eligibility for **federal and state need-based aid**.
- The CSS Profile™ is required to qualify for **SMU-funded financial aid offers**.

*SMU requires neither application for awarding academic scholarships.

FORM 1: FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

- Visit **studentaid.gov** to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Use *SMU school code 003613*.
- Use the Direct Data Exchange to provide accurate tax information on your FAFSA.
- Visit **studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account** if you do not have a Federal Student Aid ID. Your FSA ID will be your electronic signature on the application.

U.S. and eligible noncitizens seeking eligibility for federal and state sources of aid must submit the FAFSA each year.

To learn more about federal student aid programs, visit **studentaid.gov**.

FORM 2: THE CSS PROFILE™

File your CSS Profile™ at **cssprofile.org**. Use *SMU school code 6660*.

For SMU-funded financial aid offers shown in the sample aid packages, you must submit a CSS Profile™ application each year. This will give SMU more information to further assess your financial aid eligibility.

2025–26 ESTIMATED COSTS

Tuition and fees.....	\$67,038
On-campus housing and meal plan....	\$19,064
TOTAL	\$86,102

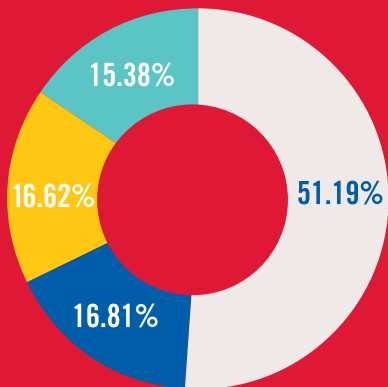
Top 20%

SMU places among the top 20% of best national universities in *U.S. News & World Report 2024*



67% of first-year students awarded scholarships and/or grants

GIFT AID – MONEY AWARDED THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PAID BACK – TO ELIGIBLE INCOMING 2024–25 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



■ MORE THAN \$30,001 ■ \$10,001 TO \$20,000
■ \$20,001 TO \$30,000 ■ LESS THAN \$10,001



FAQS

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

SMU offers academic scholarships, grants, loans and work-study awards, many of which can be combined and applied toward tuition and fees as well as housing. To learn more about our wide variety of scholarships available, visit smu.edu/academicscholarships.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF MY AID?

If you applied by November 1, you will be notified in early January. If you applied by January 15, you will be notified by mid-March.

WILL I HAVE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR AT SMU?

All financial aid advisors are available to assist any student or parent. The financial aid staff will work with you to explore a combination of federal, state and institutional aid to finance your education.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON SCHOLARSHIPS**

visit

smu.edu/academicscholarships

GLOSSARY

Access SMU – additional merit scholarships for high-achieving Texas students through Federal Pell Grants and SMU merit scholarships.

Early Action – nonbinding program in which you are not obligated to withdraw other applications. If admitted, you have until May 1 to respond. Apply by November 1 if SMU is among your top choices.

Early Decision I – binding agreement that requires you to withdraw all other applications and attend SMU, if admitted. Apply prior to November 1 if SMU is your top choice.

Early Decision II – binding agreement that requires you to withdraw all other applications and attend SMU, if admitted. Apply between November 1 and January 15 if SMU is your top choice.

Regular Decision – nonbinding program in which you are not obligated to withdraw other applications. If admitted, you have until May 1 to respond.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) – income figure on federal tax returns used to perform need analysis.

Cost of Attendance (COA) – estimated cost for a single academic year, consisting of two terms (fall and spring) or nine calendar months. This includes direct costs, such as tuition and fees, as well as indirect costs, such as books, supplies and transportation.

Student Aid Index (SAI) – has replaced the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), this new calculation measures your federal aid eligibility, based on the information provided through FAFSA.

Gift Aid/Grant – money that has no expectation of being repaid.

Loans – money borrowed that must be paid back.

SAMPLE PACKAGES

JALEN

A psychology major from Texas: applied as test-optional, 3.83 GPA, 21 units,[†] family of four with one in college

Adjusted gross income\$71,683
EFC*\$3,866

Awards

Federal Pell Grant.....\$3,545
Texas Tuition Equalization Grant\$3,497
SMU Distinguished Scholar.....\$25,000
Access SMU Scholarship\$45,728
Federal loans.....\$3,500

TOTAL PACKAGE\$81,270

ANGELICA

A computer science major from Tennessee: 32 ACT, 3.75 GPA, 22 units,[†] family of three with one in college

Adjusted gross income\$173,146
EFC*\$46,343

Awards

SMU Second Century Scholar.....\$20,000
SMU Discovery Scholar\$10,000
Federal loans.....\$5,500
Federal work-study.....\$4,000

TOTAL PACKAGE\$39,500

NICOLE

A finance major from Florida: 1460 SAT, 3.66 GPA, 27 units,[†] family of three with two in college

Adjusted gross income\$73,975
EFC*\$7,499

Awards

SMU Distinguished Scholar\$25,000
SMU IB Scholar.....\$7,500
SMU Opportunity Award.....\$28,360
Federal loans.....\$5,500
Federal Work-Study\$4,000

TOTAL PACKAGE\$70,360

*For the 2025–26 FAFSA, the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) has been replaced by the Student Aid Index (SAI). Sample packages provided are based on the previous Expected Family Contribution calculation. [†]Units refer to the number of successfully completed high school courses in the core areas of English, math, social sciences, science and foreign language. **Family assets may affect demonstrated need.



Highest-paid graduates across a range of fields (College Factual)

73%

without debt at the time of graduation



88%

of undergraduates were employed, enrolled in additional education or volunteering within six months of graduation

Median starting salary for undergraduate students:

\$75,000



Best cities for jobs

DFW is among the best cities for jobs (WalletHub 2024)

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World Changers Shaped Here